

# HOPWA PROJECT SUMMARIES

## CALIFORNIA

**The Salvation Army**, a faith based organization in Los Angeles, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$281,326 to provide housing assistance to 27 households of chronically homeless adult men and women living with HIV/AIDS. The program will support The Salvation Army's Bell Shelter, a newly renovated homeless/supportive service facility that serves chronically homeless whom are multiple diagnosed with mental illness and/or having a substance abuse/chemical dependency diagnosis. Clients will receive supportive services and comprehensive case management enabling them to develop their own individual plan to guide them into permanent housing placement.

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**Stanislaus Community Assistance Project**, a nonprofit organization in Modesto, is awarded a Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,244,488 to provide housing assistance to 30 households who are predominantly chronically homeless living with HIV/AIDS. The program will implement an innovative Transitional Housing Model that provides a transitional supported housing environment with coordinated supportive services and case management that will enable the clients to obtain permanent supportive housing.

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**The East Oakland Community Project**, a nonprofit organization in East Oakland, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,287,500. This grant will be leveraged with other funding resources to construct a new 125 bed community residence known as Bridge for Success. The HOPWA grant will provide housing support for 25 chronically homeless households living with HIV/AIDS with transitional housing and support services that will establish stable housing while fostering greater client self sufficiency and independence. Alameda County and the State of California with other local housing providers have coordinated their efforts to provide a comprehensive housing plan that includes case management and coordinated health care service delivery. The project will use Green Building principals to reduce utility costs and increase over cost effectiveness and efficiency. The program incorporates HUD's priorities of universal design standards for persons with disabilities and energy star appliances.

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## COLORADO

**Colorado Health Network DBA Colorado AIDS Project**, a nonprofit organization in Denver, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing grant of \$730,643. The program will support The Julian Project which will provide scattered site transitional housing for 30 homeless households living with HIV/AIDS. The program is designed to enable clients to obtain and maintain stable housing through coordinated supportive services and employment training. It is anticipated that 50% of the clients will be chronically homeless and 10% will be veterans.

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## DELAWARE

**Connections Community Support Programs, Inc.**, a nonprofit organization in Wilmington, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,339,000. The project will provide transitional housing and supportive services for 16 households living with HIV/AIDS in Kent County. It is anticipated that fifty percent of the households will be homeless upon admission to the program, and ten percent will be chronically homeless. The program will offer a two-tiered transitional housing model in which clients are assessed upon entry and placed into housing which meets their needs for supervision and case management intervention. The program includes a comprehensive array of community-based treatment support, and housing and rehabilitation services for persons recovering from and living with mental health and medical disorders.

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## FLORIDA

**Gulf Coast Family Jewish Services, Inc.**, a nonprofit organization in the Tampa Area, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,339,000 to provide tenant based rental housing assistance in Pinellas, Hillsborough, Pasco, and Hernando counties. The project will specifically target ex-offenders and the chronically homeless and those who are at imminent risk of homeless who are living with HIV/AIDS. This is a coordinated effort through the Tampa Bay AIDS Network to provide tenant based rental assistance to 75 households that will result in permanent housing while providing these clients with greater access to primary care, case management, and other supportive services designed to help them stabilize their independence in the community. In addition, the program will assist 25 households with short-term mortgage, rent, and utility assistance.

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## ILLINOIS

**Cornerstone Services, Inc.**, a nonprofit organization in Joliet, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,192,264 to provide scattered site tenant based rental housing for 19 homeless households living with HIV/AIDS and mental illness that targets women with children. The program will focus on behavioral health, employment training, and family reunification leading to stable, permanent housing through the provision of a variety of coordinated and comprehensive supportive services. This project is in partnership with Agape Missions, Inc., Regional Care Association, Stepping Stones, and Metro Infectious Disease Consultants to promote choice, dignity, and the opportunity to independently live and work in Will County.

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## KENTUCKY

**The Kentucky Housing Corporation**, a state agency in Frankfort, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,027,915 to support the Kentucky Trio Advocacy Transitions (Trio Program) that will provide transitional housing and supportive services to 27 homeless households living with HIV/AIDS who are multiple diagnosed. The Trio Program is a unique partnership of the state of Kentucky and its project sponsor, Heartland Cares, Inc., a nonprofit organization, that will provide a comprehensive array of supportive services, in providing transitional housing to a specifically targeted rural population. This effort includes collaboration with two community action agencies, Kentucky River Foothills Development Council and the Blue Grass Community Action Partnership, both of whom have extensive housing and social service delivery in the Blue Grass Area Development District of Kentucky. These organizations will use a network of housing advocates that will coordinate the housing placements and coordinate the supportive services and case management.

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## MARYLAND

**The City of Baltimore's Health Department** through Baltimore Homeless Services, Inc., is awarded a HOPWA permanent supportive housing renewal grant of \$1,300,974 to continue providing permanent supportive housing assistance to 30 homeless and ex-offenders living with HIV/AIDS. The program known as "At The Door" is a re-entry program for homeless, HIV-positive, post-incarcerated persons that incorporates the provision of immediate short term transitional housing followed by permanent housing. The city will continue to work in collaboration with its project sponsors, Health Education Resource Organization, Inc. and the AIDS Interfaith Residential Services, Inc. to provide a comprehensive array of supportive services and employment training that promotes self-sufficiency.

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**AIDS Interfaith Residential Services, Inc.**, a nonprofit organization in Baltimore, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,108,355 to provide rental housing assistance to 15 households living with HIV/AIDS. The program will target primarily Latino households living in the East Baltimore neighborhoods of Highlandtown, Fells Point, and Patterson Park. The program encompasses an integrated supportive service component that consists of a five-stage model beginning with comprehensive client intake, which includes a detailed medical assessment for acceptance into the program and design of the individual service plan, intensive case management, stabilization, and self-sufficiency. The key outcome is the client's transition to mainstream resources that will address the needs of these households.

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## MONTANA

**State of Montana, Department of Public Health and Human Services** is awarded a HOPWA Long-Term permanent supportive housing grant in the amount of \$1,429,307 to fund "Tri-State HELP Plus" which will provide tenant based housing assistance to 20 rural homeless and chronically homeless households living with HIV/AIDS. The program will also provide short term mortgage, rent, and utility assistance to 15 households. This is a unique collaboration with the states of North Dakota and South Dakota to provide housing assistance targeted to the state's rural population. The states will work in partnership with the following housing project sponsors, Missoula AIDS Council, Yellowstone AIDS Project, Sioux Falls Housing and Redevelopment Commission, and Community Action Program Region VII. This effort will create a continuum of housing opportunities that coordinates multi-state resource to address the unmet housing needs of predominantly rural households that promotes stable housing and independent living while providing employment opportunities.

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## NEW HAMPSHIRE

**The City of Nashua, Division of Public Health and Community Services** is awarded a HOPWA Long-Term permanent supportive housing grant in the amount of \$1,360,232 to provide tenant based rental assistance to 31 chronically homeless and homeless households living with HIV/AIDS within Hillsborough County. The city will work in partnership with Harbor Homes Inc. and Southern New Hampshire HIV/AIDS Task to coordinate the housing and supportive service delivery to ensure the sustainability of the permanent supportive housing. These efforts will also include working with the Greater Nashua Continuum of Care to coordinate referrals from shelters so that these assisted households will receive quality case management, counseling, transportation, while improving their independence and self-sufficiency.

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## NEW YORK

**United Bronx Parents, Inc.**, a nonprofit organization in the Bronx, New York, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,338,999 to provide housing assistance to 38 homeless households living with HIV/AIDS in its “Casita Esperanza” transitional housing facility. The program is designed in a three phased system that allows clients to meet basic needs, move into a recovery process that promotes independent living, skill building and permanency planning that leads into aftercare, relapse prevention, and maintaining a system of support and care once they obtain permanent housing. The program will specifically target Blacks and Latinos living in the South Bronx communities of Hunts Point, Mott Haven, Highbridge, and Morrisania. It is anticipated that a majority of these households will be individuals released by the New York Department of Corrections.

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## **NORTH CAROLINA**

**The Regional HIV/AIDS Consortium**, a nonprofit organization in Charlotte, will receive a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,190,276. The project will provide tenant based rental housing assistance for 17 rural households in the following seven counties in the greater Charlotte area: Anson, Cabarrus, Cleveland, Lincoln, Rowan, Union, and Stanly. The program is specifically designed to assist homeless households and those at imminent risk of being homeless with transitional housing and intense housing counseling and case management that will enable these households to transition into permanent housing.

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## **TEXAS**

**The Alamo Area Resource Center**, a grass roots nonprofit organization in San Antonio, is awarded a HOPWA Special Projects of National Significance (SPNS) transitional housing demonstration grant of \$1,209,281 to provide tenant-based rental assistance and supportive services to 60 homeless households living with HIV/AIDS. This program will implement a unique interagency collaboration by the San Antonio Coalition for AIDS Homeless through a Memorandum of Understanding between the Alamo Area Resource Center, San Antonio Alternative Housing Corporation, Bexar County Justice Support and Human Services, and the City of San Antonio. This effort will provide transitional and permanent housing with comprehensive medical care and supportive services through facility based and scattered site housing.

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## **West Virginia**

**The State of West Virginia** is awarded a HOPWA Long-Term permanent supportive housing grant of \$1,430,000 to provide housing assistance to state's rural population living with HIV/AIDS, with particular focus on veterans. The state will work in partnership with Covenant House, Inc.; West Virginia Coalition for People with AIDS, Inc.; Caritas House, Inc.; and Community Networks, Inc., to provide a variety of permanent supportive housing assistance including 5 facility-based units, 20 tenant based rental units, and 20 short-term mortgage, rent, and utility assistance units, in addition to providing a comprehensive array of supportive services. A unique component includes a client's survey that monitors the housing procedures from transitional to permanent housing placement while soliciting housing recommendations from participants to be considered for future planning and providing feedback for accessing other mainstream resources.

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